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**ECF**

Honorable Loretta Preska  
United States District Judge  
500 Pearl Street. Courtroom 12A  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: U.S. v. Roman 01 Cr. 01110 (LAP)**  
**Defense Request to Represent Manuel Roman Pro Bono to File Motion**  
**Under 18 U.S.C. §3582(c).**

Dear Judge Preska:

Conscience-stricken that I have put my high-school-educated life-sentence-serving former client in the position of pursuing the sole vehicle for any sort of sentencing relief *pro se* but worried, as well, that by autonomously so proceeding I might be violating your May 11<sup>th</sup> order, I write the court again, in an abundance of caution, to seek permission to represent Mr. Roman on a motion for compassionate release pro bono.

I await the Court's instructions.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Richard Palma  
Richard Palma

Mr. Roman is free to retain counsel to help him file a motion for compassionate release, and Mr. Palma is of course similarly at liberty to offer his services to Mr. Roman pro bono.

SO ORDERED.



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